

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 27, paragraph 1 should read:

First of all, when the second joint member 4 is rotated in the direction of the arrow a in Fig. 13(b) by rotating the joint portion 2 in the open direction relative to the body portion 1, the cam portion 10 and the cam engagement portion 11 are cooperatively rotated in a somewhat disengaged manner while they are to be disengaged from each other. In this case, before the cam portion 10 and the cam engagement portion 11 are completely disengaged from each other, the retainer member 8 is completely disengaged from the engagement concave portion 9 of the cam engagement portion 11 while being retracted in the direction indicated by an arrow b (see Fig. 13(b)). After all, the cam portion 10 and the cam engagement portion 11 are biased by the rotational biasing member 13 and are cooperatively rotated under the engagement condition in the direction indicated by the arrow a in Fig. 13(c). Thereafter, the retainer member 8 biased by the engagement biasing member 22 is advanced again in the direction c in Fig. 13(c) and fitted and engaged with the engagement concave portion 9 (see Fig. 13(c)).

Pages 28-29, paragraph 4 should read

In the same manner as the above-described embodiment 1, the embodiment 4 shows the case where a hinge device H according to the present invention is applied to a collapsible type portable phone as shown in Fig. 17. The hinge device H according to the present invention is applied to a pivot mechanism in which a body portion provided with an operating portion 14 is used as a first member 1 and a joint portion provided with a display image field 15 is used as a second member 2 to make it possible to take the condition from the closed condition where the first member 1 and the second member 2 are coupled with each other to the open condition (busy condition) where the second member 2 is rotated to, for example, 120 degrees.